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REDS BEGIN DRIVE ON CANTON

Three Armies In 50-Mile Thrust Into Kwangtung 90 MILES FROM CANTON

Canton, September 26.
The Chinese Communists hurled three armies into Kwangtung Province today. It was the long expected big-scale drive for Canton, the Nationalist refugee capital.

Accommodation For Gordon Evacuees

The ex-General Gordon is due to arrive here from Shanghai at about 9 a.m. today.

A Government spokesman said yesterday that accommodation arrangements have been made only for those passengers who are not proceeding by the same ship and who do not have accommodation here for an indefinite period.

They will continue their journey by the troopship *Orbita*.

The spokesman said that it is well known that the accommodation position in the Colony is acute.

It has not been possible to extend the hospitality of the Colony to those who have not been able to arrange for their own living accommodation here.

Reds After Uranium In Tibet

London, September 26.
Reports that Tibet's jagged mountain guards uranium ore today swept that isolated country into the torrent of atomic events.

The renewed Chinese Communist claims to Tibet as Chinese territory received special attention in the British Foreign Office. They revived speculation that the Chinese Communists were being inspired by Soviet Russia to lay claim to an area they believe to be rich in fissionable material.

Official quarters in London would not comment today on the probable presence of uranium or other atomic mineral deposits in Tibet but they admitted that past expeditions have ascertained the presence there of mineral deposits of uncertain value.

Chinese Nationalist sources revealed that in June, 1947, incidents occurred on the borders of Russian-controlled Outer Mongolia and the Chinese Province of Sinkiang in the Tien Shan Mountains which, they said, were Russian attempts to seize valuable deposits where uranium deposits were thought to lie.

They also recalled that Russia was negotiating with the Chinese Nationalist government until two months ago for mineral exploitation agreement in Sinkiang. These negotiations have, according to Chinese Communist broadcasts, from Peiping, now been broken off and for the first time the Russians appeared openly on the scene when Chinese Communists captured Lanchow, capital of Kansu Province. A motor road runs from Lanchow to Tihwa, citadel of Sinkiang, and is being extended from Tihwa into Tibet.—United Press.

THE WEATHER

At 0630 GMT (4 p.m. local) a front of low pressure from the northwest over Siberia stretched Southeastwards across Kansu and thence SW into Southern China. W of this trough a fairly extensive anti-cyclone covers most of China and to the E a ridge of high pressure extends Eastwards from Southern Japan across the Pacific. Pressure gradients are weak over the South China Sea.

Tide: High—Low variable. Wind: SSW 4-5 m.p.h.

Yesterday's Weather:

Maximum: 37.0 deg. Fah.
Minimum: 71.2 deg. Fah.
Sunshine: 9.5 hours.
Rainfall: Trace. Total since Jan. 1—
153.4 mm.—75.8 mm. as against an average of 192.0 mm.—16.78 mm.
Readings at: 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Dawn at midday: 10.15. 10.16. 10.17.
Eveal: 23.24. 23.25. 23.26.
Rel. Humidity: 80-85%. 75-76%.
Dew Point: 77-78 deg. F.
Wind Direction: N. SW by W.
Wind Force: 4-5. 2-3 m.p.h.
Tides: 6.14. 7.5. 11.16. 12.4. 13.16. 14.4. 15.16. 16.4. 17.16. 18.4. 19.16. 20.4.

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The Red force—75,000 strong if at full strength—surged in from Kiangsi Province in a 50-mile thrust that carried to within 90 miles of Canton.

This uneasy capital was confronted with its greatest threat of the civil war. The Reds struck after weeks of probing Nationalist defences.

Official despatches said the Red 10th, 11th and 15th armies took off from Lunenan in South-Western Kiangsi. In this area 140 miles North East of Canton, the Communists have been building up their invasion force for weeks.

A great part of the Red troops already had reached the vicinity of Hainfeng, 90 miles North East of Canton, the official reports said.

Hainfeng is eight miles East of the truck highway between Lung-nan and Canton.

The Nationalists said the three armies are under General Chen Keng, acting commander of the Second Communist Field Army which has an estimated total strength of 250,000 men.

The Reds also were moving on the Canton railway. A force of 1,200 regulars and 700 irregulars were heading for Kukong, rail town 125 miles North of Canton.

Capture of Kukong would break rail communication between Canton and Hengyang, main South China defence base 263 miles North of Canton. Hengyang is headquarters for General Pai Chung-hsi, Nationalist Central China commander.

The strike for Kukong was Westward along a highway from Xiamen 155 miles North East of Canton. Nanyang is just inside the North Eastern tip of Kwangtung and in the community of the Red massing point in Kiangsi.

General Li said the best defense is the offensive and would recommend such change of tactics. The Acting President pointed out that the Reds have long lines of communications and are often harassed by Nationalist air raids.

The much publicised meeting of the Kuomintang Emergency Council failed to take place today despite the return of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek to the city from Whampoa this morning. He is studying the general situation more fully before he calls a meeting. There was some exchange of views among top Kuomintang members on the complaint against Soviet Russia before the US Assembly for aiding the Chinese Communists.

General Pai Chung-hsi, the Commander-in-Chief in Hunan, went to Whampoa yesterday afternoon to see Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek for the second time in 24 hours. Pai told reporters he will return to the front tomorrow and declined to make any other statement.

Red Forces In Wengyuan

Of more concern to the people in Canton was the increase of Communist forces at Lung-hsien-hsien in Wengyuan (Yungyuan) county, North Kwangtung, adds the "China Mail" Correspondent in Canton. The Military News Agency said that three more Communists armies of General Chen Keng had moved Southward from Kanchow to the Kwangtung border and may be used to reinforce the Reds in Nanjing, North Kwangtung.

Press reports said Chihsing (Chahing), South of Nanjing, was not in Communist hands despite the mutiny of Magistrate Yao Chi-chin who fled after killing the regimental commander.

Reds Closing In On Amoy

The Chinese Communists are steadily closing in on Amoy which is being stubbornly defended by Nationalist troops assisted by the Chinese Navy and Air Force, reports Reuter.

They are striking hard against the Nationalist positions on the mainland.

An attempt to invade Amoy in junks and other small craft from Aotow, North East of Amoy, was repulsed by Nationalist gunfire, which inflicted heavy casualties on the Reds.

The Reds are now strengthening their defences at Aotow and the nearby town of Liuwu against possible counter-attacks.

In Northern Kwangtung Province, 1,200 of General Chen Keng's troops, striking along the highway from Nanhsing Westwards towards Kukong, were engaged by the Nationalists at Kukong. Kukong is West of Chihsing, which the Nationalists claimed to have reoccupied. Chihsing has either been passed by the Reds or is in "what the Chinese press calls 'a state of vacuum'."

Several hundred Red irregular troops under the turncoat magistrate of Chihsing were also engaged in this action.

The Communist drive in Western Hunan has been slowed down by the Nationalist Air Force, which has increased its activities in the past 24 hours.—Associated Press.

In July, Mrs. Tyrrell and their three children returned to Louisville, Kentucky, in the United States.

Mr. J. Kenneth Blackwell, British Consul, is also due to leave here soon. The Vice-Consul, Mr. C. W. Martin, will remain here with Coghill.

Next week-end the Consul-General and his staff will move from their present temporary quarters into the new and enlarged offices in the British Consulate-General compound, adds Reuter.

The rebuilding of these offices which were burned down by an angry Chinese mob in January 1946, has just been completed.

REUTER MAN SHOT AT IN BANGKOK

Bangkok, September 26.

James Taylor, Reuters and AAP Staff correspondent today escaped with a flesh wound in the left hand when an unidentified gunman fired through the window of his car—in the suburbs here. The attack followed an anonymous telephone call threatening him if he did not stop investigating an alleged plot.

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MURDER-SUICIDE Blamed On Russia's Bomb

Arcadia, September 26.

Russia's development of the atom bomb was blamed today for the apparent murder-suicide of a 35-year-old professor and his student roommate in their home.

Walter Griffith, language pro-

fessor at John Muir College,

Pasadena, and Donald Otto Magnesson, 23-year-old GI student

at the University of Southern California, were discovered by Professor Griffith's parents yesterday when they visited their son to deliver some mail.

Magnesson was found dead, in a bathtub partly filled with water, with three bullet wounds in the stomach and thigh and Griffith was found on the bathroom floor with bullet in the head and a .38 revolver near his outstretched hand.

The professor's father said his son had been greatly disturbed about President Truman's announcement that Russia had developed the atom bomb. He said

"I cannot think of any other possible reason for his doing a thing like this. He and Donald were close friends and always seemed to get along well."—United Press.

Took Poison

The bodies of the family, all of whom had taken poison, lay alongside lunch boxes, wine bottles, ladies' magazines and comic books.

The police believed that the family committed suicide on the day the nine left their home.

The eldest brother, 26-year-old Heichil, apparently confirmed the deaths of the rest of the family and partially buried them before committing suicide himself.

Alongside the body of Heichil lay Macsie, while the bodies of the remaining eight were covered with branches and leaves.

NINGHSIA SURRENDERS TO THE REDS

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Canton, September 26. Communist troops are virtually in control of the North West following the surrender of Ninghsia on September 23 and the overrunning of the entire Kansu corridor. A reliable report said one, General Ma, a kinsman of General Ma Hung-kwai, Nationalist Governor of Kansu, surrendered to the Reds who marched up from Kansu.

Most men troops who surrendered to the Communists were those of the 11th, 81st and 128th armies and two other divisions. Other Nationalist units fled across the West bank of the Yellow River. Red troops entered the Ninghsia provincial capital on the evening of September 23.

The neighbouring province of Suiyuan capitulated earlier to the Communists through the efforts of General Fu Tsio-yi, former Commander-in-Chief of Nationalist troops in North China, who is rewarded as a specially invited delegate to the Peiping Political Consultative Conference.

The only resistance is in South Shensi where the Nationalists North of the Chin Mountain are making attempts to drive the Reds Northward. If the Communists cross Chin Mountain, they will march to Szechuan, the next base of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

Sinkiang Moves

Intensive efforts are being made by pro-Communist elements in Sinkiang to throw that province under the Red flag, and there is evidence that details for a regional peace arrangement are being started, reports United Press.

Private sources with contacts still in Tihwa and other strategic points in Sinkiang, have cabled their Canton offices that discussions have already been held between local political and military commanders representing the provincial government and Communist and pro-Soviet agencies.

These private despatches state that branches of the National government in Tihwa have advised their respective superiors in Canton of the possibility. One report said some government agencies have already been warned that their offices will be taken over.

It is known that chartered commercial planes were ordered to Sinkiang recently, ostensibly for the purpose of evacuating top government personnel, but bad weather has prevented their taking off.

The exact political situation in Sinkiang is confused. The far North West province, similar to Yenan, has long been semi-autonomous and subject to direct Russian influence.

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No Ban On HK Exports To Red China

The Hong Kong Government has not received any instruction from London to impose any ban on export of specific materials to Communist China, the "China Mail" was informed yesterday.

No direction has been received from home following the report on Saturday that Britain and the United States had decided to ban the export of certain strategic materials to Communist-held territories in China.

Apart from articles on the prohibited list, Hong Kong is still issuing export permits for all exports, whether to Communist or Nationalist held ports, the same information

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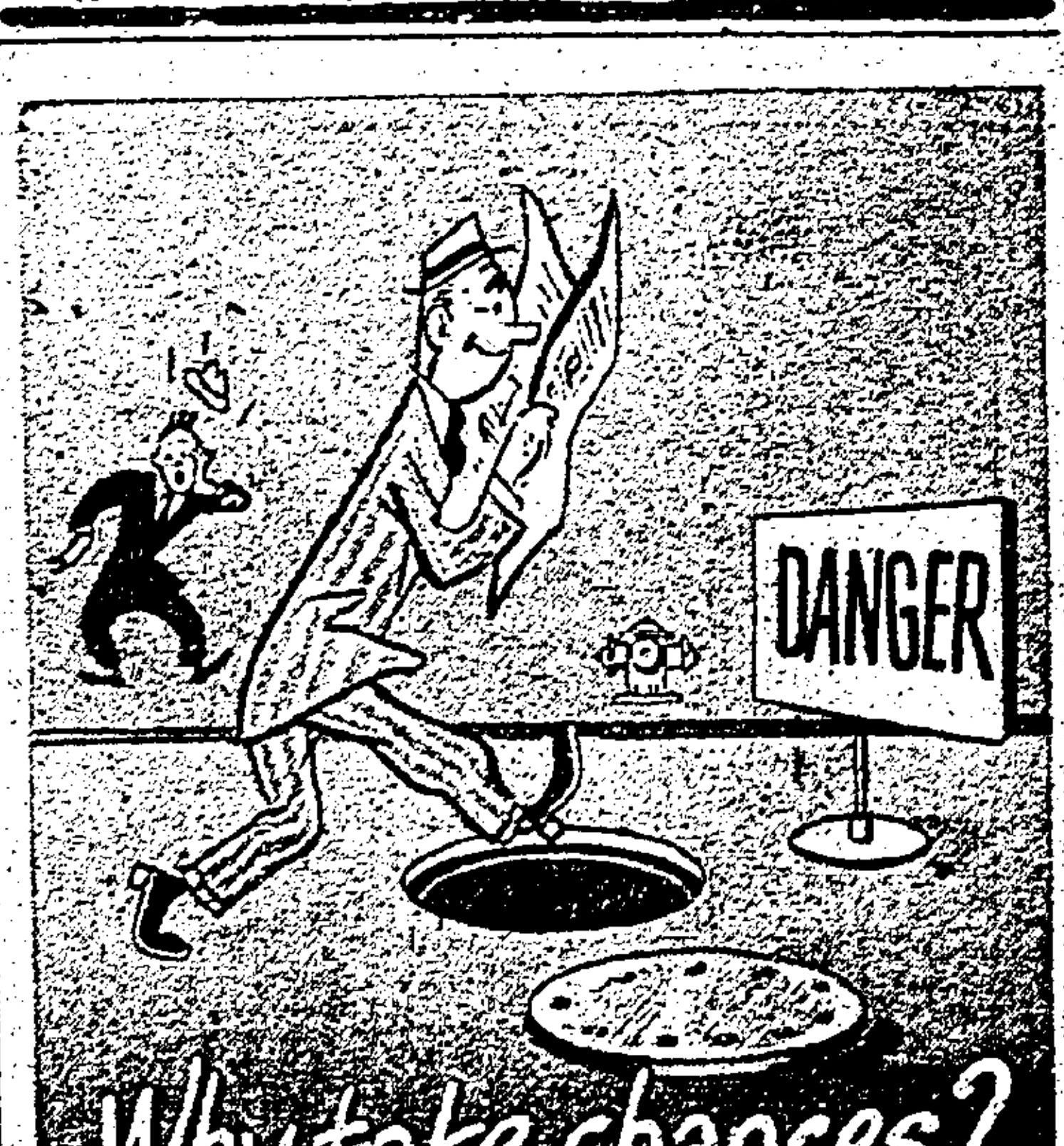
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The name of T. V. Soong figured in a case in the Appeal Court yesterday before Mr. Justice Gould, puisne Judge. The appeal was against the decision of a Tenancy Tribunal which refused an application for an eviction order.

The respondent in the case, who was the opponent at the Tenancy Tribunal hearing, solicited the assistance of the former Governor of Kwangtung in order to retain his occupation ground floor.

After collaborating on these points, Mr. d'Almada asserted that the arrangement in question of the transfer was alleged by the opponent to have been with one Y.C. Kwan. The latter was in fact out of the applicant's employment by that time, he declared, and had therefore no authority to do so.

Mr. J.D. Romer, newly elected chairman of the Biological Circle, Hong Kong, which held its inaugural meeting yesterday at the PRO Theatre. ("China Mail" Photo).

Biological Circle's Meeting

The Biological Circle held its inaugural meeting at the PRO Theatre yesterday evening under the chairmanship of Mr. J. D. Romer.

It was originally proposed that it should be called the zoological circle, but upon the suggestion of some members that botany should be included the name was changed to biological circle.

A cross-appeal was brought by the respondent on a portion of the decision of the Magistrate in regard to the tenancy of one V. M. Benwell in that the Tribunal had no jurisdiction to entertain the application below.

They claimed for an order that a portion of the decision of the Tribunal's decision in that regard be reversed. The decision in that connection is against the weight of evidence they further claimed.

The application for eviction was on the grounds that a V. M. Benwell, to whom the premises in dispute was rented for \$273 a month, transferred his tenancy to the opponent. The opponent on the other hand contended that what actually occurred was that Benwell, who went to Australia, gave the premises over to the opponent for the latter to act as caretaker, and that this arrangement was reached to the knowledge and consent of the appellants.

Mr. Romer said there were perhaps few zoological experts in the Colony but there were many people who were interested and it was with the purpose of getting them together that this organisation was formed.

Its main purpose would be to get together specialists of various groups to discuss their problems and to improve their knowledge.

It would also try to stimulate public interest in the study of the animal and plant life of the Colony.

In the discussion which followed the Chairman's proposals, it was decided that the annual subscription for adults would be HK\$15.

and that for the Services, Juvenile, and pupils attending schools, it should be HK\$7.50.

Lecture And Outings

There would be at least one lecture or outing a month to be held during the first week of the month, and further lectures or outings as may be arranged.

Among suggestions put forward was that members of the Services should be invited to attend all lectures.

In the election of officials which followed the general discussion Mr. J. D. Romer was chosen the first Chairman of the Biological Circle, Hong Kong, and Mr. C. E. Britton, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer.

Turning to the facts of the case as set out by the appellants, Mr. d'Almada said that in 1948 Benwell, the tenant of the premises told the opponent that he was going to Australia. He asked him to go over and stay at 5A Broome Road as caretaker for him in his absence for six months. That was agreed.

Before he left, Benwell paid the landlord rent for January as well as for the next six months. After six months, however, Benwell did not return from Australia.

Counsel here stated that there was no evidence that he was returning. It was his intention to suggest that he, a Government servant, was going on leave, then it was a mistake because Benwell was in fact dismissed from service in 1947. Mr. d'Almada asserted.

He told the Court that Benwell's dismissal from Government service was not disclosed in the alleged agreement in question.

Counsel further said that the appellants eventually received a letter from T. V. Soong, the object of which was to use influence of the latter with a view to letting opponent remain in the premises. This, Mr. d'Almada stated, was the result of a conversation which took place at a certain wedding party which T. V. Soong — a friend of both appellants and respondent — attended. This letter was delivered by opponent himself to the applicants.

Letter To CSO

Turning to the premises, Mr. d'Almada stated that in relation to the electric meter there, the opponent transferred them into his own name, as was found later. He also had a telephone installed there when he went in.

Lo and Lo, then wrote a letter to the Colonial Secretariat inquiring about Benwell, after which it was found that Benwell was not any more in Government service having been dismissed in October 1947.

Mr. d'Almada submitted that the six months' payment was not for the period of a blind date, but a blind date to hide the fact that there was a transfer.

Counsel went on to lay down several propositions tending to support his contention. He pointed out Benwell's non-return, the disappearance of his departure, the non-disclosure of his destination, when he made the arrangements in January 1948, the installation of the telephone in 5A Broome Road by Soong, and other items.

Lord Listowel will preside over a Conference of the Governors of the Caribbean Colonies at Barbados from November 7 to 12.

Inquiry Into Chak Sang Disaster Is Resumed

The Marine Court of Inquiry investigating the explosion aboard the British steamer Chak Sang on September 7 with the loss of 13 lives resumed proceedings yesterday. Chan Chung, foreman stoker of the No. 1 Hatch, engaged by Wang Kee Company, gave evidence before the five-man Court, headed by Mr. Neill Garland, Director of Marine.

Six — The annual Michaelmas Fair of St. John's Cathedral will be held on 1st October, 1949, in the grounds of the Headquarters of the Hong Kong Defence Force, Garden Road (by kind permission of Col. L. T. Ride). The Fair will be opened at 3 p.m. by Mrs. A.G.C. Madden.

For many years prior to the recent war, St. John's Cathedral, following a centuries-old custom in England, ran a Fair at Michaelmas tide, and this annual event was successfully revived last year. The Michaelmas Fair is always one of the first events of a winter season and is invariably popular, especially amongst those who wish to secure unusual bargains. In anticipation of Christmas — Further, like all Fairs, it provides an opportunity of combining business with fun and jollity, whilst in the case of a Fair such as this, there is the added incentive of supporting the work of the Cathedral.

The financial needs of the Cathedral are only too well known to your readers. The annual expenditure amounts to something in the neighbourhood of \$75,000, and the only permanent endowment provides approximately one-seventh of this total. It is therefore necessary to raise some \$60,000 annually, and in spite of the generous offerings each Sunday and the efforts of the organisers of the Goodwill offering Scheme, there always remains a substantial deficit to be covered by special appeals and events such as the Michaelmas Fair.

This event therefore is commended to the notice of your readers with the assurance that they will get good value for money, enjoy themselves in a manner quite unlike any other activity in Hong Kong, and at the same time help St. John's Cathedral to achieve a reasonable balance of income and expenditure.

E. W. PUDNEY, Chairman, (Mrs.) ANN HART, Hon. Secretary, St. John's Cathedral Michaelmas Fair Committee.

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HK ART CLUB

The Hong Kong Art Club's monthly exhibition will be held at St. John's Cathedral Hall tomorrow and Thursday, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily.

At 5.30 p.m. on Thursday Mr. Luis Chan will lecture on the principles of Chinese Painting and demonstrations will be given by Professor Chao Shao Ang and Mr. Yeung Sin Sum. Admission free.

No Leakage

There was no damage or leakage among the cargo. If he had been any, he would have received a report from his cooler.

A passenger was shot through the leg.

The total loot was a gold finger ring, a gold watch, US\$110, HK\$22. The matter was reported to the Water Police on the launch's arrival here.

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Tung Chuen and Ho Shuen were found guilty by an all-male jury of taking part in the robbery of the "Man Fat" Wong Kit had pleaded guilty to the charge before the trial.

Both cargo doors between the No. 1 and No. 2 holds were closed and were not opened during the loading, witness said.

Asked whether he was informed that there were dangerous goods in the lot he was loading, witness replied in the negative.

Wooden damage was laid in the holds.

The holds were clean, some wet, and some dry, witness replied to questions put forward by the Court.

Witness then detailed the stowage of the cargo which he handled.

When the Court asked how one could get into the hold after he had stopped work at 11 p.m. on September 6 for supper, witness said one could lift the wooden covers which were not pegged down.

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SHANGHAI MOBS HOOTED AT EUROPEAN WOMEN

(Exclusive to "China Mail")

Reminders

Today

Bridge Drive (for civilians and services), European YMCA 8 p.m.
HK Rotary Club luncheon, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12.30 p.m.
Chinese art exhibition by Miss Teng Yu-ho, Fung Ping Shan, Library, HK University, 10.30 a.m.
Local Printing Press, Limited, annual meeting, 13 Duddell St., 12 noon.
Kowloon Union Church, women's guild meeting, 10 a.m.
Urban Council meeting, GPO building, 4.15 p.m.
HK Light Orchestra rehearsal, HK & Shanghai Bank public hall, 6.45 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW

To H meeting, 50 MacDonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.
Mahjong Lessons, European YMCA, 8 p.m.
HK Amateur Radio Transmitting Society, China Fleet Club, 5.30 p.m.
HK Art Club, monthly exhibition, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Mr. Luis Chan, 5.30 p.m.

THURSDAY

Kowloon Rotary Club luncheon, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.
Ys Men's Club of Hong Kong, luncheon at the Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12.45 p.m.
HK Art Club, monthly exhibition, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; lecture by Mr. Luis Chan, 5.30 p.m.

Youth Gaoled For Larceny And Assault

A 20-year-old youth who had three previous convictions for larceny was sentenced by Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Kowloon yesterday to a year and four months' imprisonment with hard labour for larceny of a cotton jacket valued at \$6, assaulting a police officer and breach of a deportation order.

Tsoi Ping-kan, unemployed, was additionally charged with being a member of the Luen King Triad Society.

He was arrested by Detective 1107 in an alley behind the Imperial Ballroom on the night of September 21 for being a suspended returned banisher.

Defendant attempted to run away. He also struggled with the detective who was scratched by defendant on the arms, knees and hands. The detective's shirt was also torn.

Later, when a friend of the detective passed by, defendant was arrested with the friend's assistance.

Enquiries at the police station revealed that defendant was a returned banisher and a member of an illegal society, and had stolen the jacket which he was wearing from the ground floor of 114 Portland Street that morning.

He was also ordered to be deported.

BLUESTONE JOINS REID TRAVEL SERVICE

Mr. Jack Reid, Managing Director of Reid Travel Company Ltd., announced yesterday that Mr. Robert M. Bluestone Jr., formerly Assistant Manager of Philippine Airlines, has joined the Agency as Sales Manager.

Mr. Bluestone is well known in business circles here. Mr. Bluestone was brought up in Shanghai. He joined the HKVDC at the outbreak of war, and was later interned as a prisoner-of-war at Shanghai.

At the end of the war, he was with the Custodian of Enemy Property, second-in-command to Captain Pirkola, later to Captain Edwards. After his work in the office of the Custodian of Enemy Property, he joined the staff of Kwong Hing Lung Ship Yards as manager.

He is a member of the Hong Kong Jockey Club, Excuse Sports Club and Kowloon Football Club.

FISH PRICES

Name	First Quality Average Price	Fryer	Catty	Catty
Yellow Croaker	HK\$1.00	HK\$1.25		
Other Grouper	1.25	1.50		
Mackerel (Large)	1.25	1.50		
Golden Thread	1.25	1.50		
Conger Eel	1.25	1.50		
Hake	1.25	1.50		

THE CHINA MAIL TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1949.

Woman Fined For Gold Smuggling

For importing a bar of gold valued at \$1,850 at the black market rate, a Chinese woman was fined \$350 by Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Kowloon yesterday.

Prosecuting Revenue Inspector Fowler told the court that defendant was arrested by Revenue Officers at the Kowloon Railway Station on September 24.

She was asked by a searcher whether she had any gold to declare and replied "no".

The gold was ordered to be returned to her.

Another gold case before Mr. d'Almada yesterday involved three women and a girl.

Ma Sui-chin, aged 38, Ma Mong-fa, aged 74, Ma Fat-to, aged 41, and a 14-year-old girl were arrested at Kowloon Air Port on Sunday.

First defendant had in her possession 12 bars of about 37.5 tael. Four of the bars were concealed in her shoulder pads, five in her garments and three were wrapped in a girdle.

The 74-year-old woman had two bars of about 10 taels. They were both strapped around her.

The third woman had 20 gold coins weighing about 8.5 tael.

The girl had eight bars of approximately 12 taels. They were all concealed in a girdle.

As many of the defendants were present in court their bail of \$20 each was estreated. The gold was also confiscated.

What A Life!

Mrs. Smith said: "The British Captain took his word for it and our chances of being freed fell through."

After several days in Tinghai, Mr. and Mrs. Smith boarded the Edith Moller.

She said: "A day out of Tinghai, after a distressed Nationalist ship stopped us, I was sprawled out on the deck and frightened to death when the Edith Moller captain made his dash in the darkness, but we were successful in leaving."

Mr. and Mrs. Smith said that they were going to a quiet hotel near Singapore for a month's holiday.

Mrs. Smith added: "What a life!"

Only Recreation

All imported clothes are from four to five hundred per cent higher than in Hong Kong, and a simple meat dish, with ice cream and coffee cost HK\$15.00.

During the several months that Mrs. Smith was in Shanghai, she said that the only recreation for the women was to play bridge or hair dice, and take their children to the private clubs where they could swim and sunbathe.

She added: "During the rather frequent air raids, all the women had a tacit agreement not to show alarm or concern while the children were present but the children seemed to take the air raids easier than the adults."

During one particularly intense air raid, Mrs. Smith was at the Swimming Club with friends, and a little eight years old girl heard the bomb and casually got out of the pool.

Mrs. Smith said the young girl came over to the group of women and said: "Bombing planes again. How boring! I think I'll go back to swimming."

Most of the women talked about ways and means of leaving Shanghai after about the first month of the occupation, but the permanent residents seemed quite content.

Regarded With Contempt

Mrs. Smith said: "One thing that did aggravate most of the Communist officials and soldiers regarded them with contempt and totally ignored them."

"When my husband and myself applied for exit visa, the Communist official asked my husband to fill out my form for me, and they only required me to sign the form and be fingerprinted."

"However, the Communists do believe that a woman is a likely smuggler. My luggage was more thoroughly searched than my husband's when we were going on board the Leong Bee, and a Communist woman searched me personally, thoroughly, before I was allowed to leave."

She said that she and her husband had to publish in two local newspapers their intention of leaving Shanghai before their exit visa was finalised.

She added: "If they used the same requirement for the 1,400 passengers on the Leong Bee, General Gordon, then the local newspapers will make more than \$10,000 on these advertisements alone."

Pilotless Ship

The British ship, the Leong Bee, which was to take Mr. and Mrs. Smith to Hong Kong was described by its pilot at midnight the day it left Shanghai, and the following day, without pilot, the ship ran into the mud.

When questioned by the police, defendant said that at the end of the war the revolver was handed to him by a Japanese gendarme. The gendarme told him to hand it to General Li Si-ken.

Court Brevities

Ng King-chuen, alias Ng Fai-chuen, aged 41, was charged at Kowloon yesterday with possessing a forged \$100 Merchant Bank note at 105 Nam Chang Street, ground floor.

Defendant was remanded a day in police custody.

Kar To-fan, aged 32, clerk residing at Reduxia Terrace, and Wong Chun, aged 26, a travelling trader, were charged before Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday with possession of 210 taels of raw opium and eight pipes on August 19.

First defendant, who was represented by Mr. M. A. da Silva, was allowed bail of \$15,000, while second defendant, who was not legally represented, was ordered remanded in goal custody. Hearing was fixed for October 8 at 9.30 a.m.

Underground Worker Sentenced For Possessing Revolver

An Allied Underground worker during the war, who had done good work, was sentenced to a year's hard labour by Mr. A. D. Scholes at Central yesterday on a charge of possession of a revolver and 17 rounds of ammunition.

Detective Sub-Inspector J. Howlett appeared for the Police, and defendant, Li Si-ken, was represented by Mr. P. C. Woo. Mr. Woo pleaded guilty on behalf of defendant.

DSI Howlett told the court defendant was born in Hong Kong 38 years ago.

Before the war he was a merchant of good standing. He joined the Allied Underground forces on the 8th floor, East Asia Building.

On entering, the police produced a warrant and said that a search would be made of the office. Defendant, when asked, handed the key of the safe to the police. In the safe 17 rounds of ammunition were found. Defendant admitted that the ammunition was his.

Asked if there was any other kind of arms in the office, defendant replied that he had none. Defendant was asked a second time and said that he had none.

When told that a thorough search of the office would be made, defendant admitted that he had a revolver and produced it to the police.

When questioned by the police, defendant said that at the end of the war the revolver was handed to him by a Japanese gendarme. The gendarme told him to hand it to General Li Si-ken.

War Record

In asking the court for mercy and to impose a fine Mr. Woo on behalf of the defendant said that

Professor Garcia's Book On Citizenship In The Philippines

Professor Leon T. Garcia, Philippine Vice-Consul in Hong Kong and Macao, is the author of a 400-page book just published entitled "Problems of Citizenship in the Philippines."

The book embodies the citizenship laws of various countries, including the Law of Nations as agreed in the Convention on the conflict of nationality laws signed at the Hague by 31 states.

Written in treatise form, the book is of great utility not only to Filipinos themselves and foreigners who have intermarried as well as their children where problems of their nationalities are involved, but also to lawyers, jurists, professors of law, law students, universities, law schools and the different consultancies which have to solve questions on citizenship.

The author, who is a well-known scholar and outstanding authority on immigration and citizenship law, and who as Vice-Consul is actually handling questions on the matter, is well qualified to undertake the preparation of such an important book.

The 74-year-old woman had two bars of about 10 taels. They were both strapped around her.

The third woman had 20 gold coins weighing about 8.5 tael.

The girl had eight bars of approximately 12 taels. They were all concealed in a girdle.

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Ninghsia Surrenders To The Reds

(Continued from Page 1)

From the military standpoint there is not much left of the once strong Nationalist military machine here. General Ma Pu-feng, who still has the title of North West commander—once held by General Chang Chih-chung who is now in Peking, is in Hong Kong arranging for a pilgrimage to Mecca for himself and his family.

Resistance Useless

General Ma Hung-kwei, the North West commander's brother and deputy commander, is in Chungking and is reported to have informed Chiang Kai-shek that further resistance in the North West is useless.

It is being left to General Ma Chi-yun, son of Ma Pu-feng, to uphold the Ma family's traditional pledge of a fight to the death against Communism. Ma Chi-yun, who also conferred with Chiang Kai-shek, is reported having returned to Chungking with Chiang Kai-shek and the Moslem troops who are in Tibet.

Official sources are not admitting publicly that Sinkiang may follow the example of Sulyuan, but they are known privately to be deeply concerned. Sinkiang is believed one of the major items before the Supreme Council over which Chiang Kai-shek presided in person in its current discussions.

The vanguard of Nationalist troops being sent into Yunnan to reinforce regular army units there has arrived from Kweli-chow, it was learned today.

A report sent here from Tali, in West Yunnan, where General Yu Kien-fen now has his headquarters, said that all districts in that region had been cleared of Communists and Red sympathizers excepting Haking, Lukiang, Kienchwan and Nju.

Prior to the recent decision of Governor Lu Han to actively support the Central Government, Communists had flourished, particularly in West Hunan. The entire region was under the control of local Red bands organised as the "Communist Revolutionary League."

The Victory was built to carry no more than 500 people but it had 200 adults and 100 children aboard. Supply of provisions was said to be very small.

The cutter caught up with the ship four miles off the West Swedish coast, fired a blank shot and ordered the Victory to return to port.

The captain of the refugee ship said he was only moving to another Swedish port but continued eastward at high speed.

It was said the navy boat was too small to block the Victory's way without the risk of being rammed.

United Press.

VALUATION OF TENEMENTS

A valuation of the tenements in the islands of Hong Kong, Ap Lei Chau, Kowloon and Middle Islands and in Kowloon and New Kowloon for the year commencing April 1, 1950, shall be made before January 31, 1950, or as soon thereafter as may be, it was officially announced yesterday.

Any persons who witnessed the accident or who can give any information should communicate with the Traffic Office, Kowloon or with any other Police Stations.

KOWLOON SCOUTS

The Life Saving examination of Kowloon Scouts will be held on Thursday, September 29 at 6 p.m. at the Tai Chi Kok Swimming Park.

REQUISITIONING

The Government Quarantine Authority has requisitioned two lots of vacant land at La Salle Road, Kowloon, (N.K.L.), 2740 and 2747 for the Military.

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Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Double Tenth Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 8th and Monday, 10th October, 1949. (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Telephone House; the Club House, Happy Valley; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, 29th September, 1949.

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Application should be made on Form "F". These forms are available at the Technical College, Wood Road, Wan Chai. Completed forms should be returned to the Technical College before Tuesday, October 11, 1949.

NOTICE

On the 18th Sept. 1949 at about 12.10 hrs. a Traffic Accident occurred on Shantung Street near Canton Road in which a car was knocked down and received injuries which have since proved fatal.

Any person witnessing the accident or who can give any information are asked to communicate with the Traffic Office, Kowloon or with any other Police Stations.

COMMISSIONER OF POLICE
September 23, 1949.

THE HONG KONG REEL CLUB NOTICE

All those who have received their entry forms for Firms, Government Offices, Schools, Churches, Clubs, Services etc. are kindly requested to revise and return them to us not later than September 15, otherwise they will be put in the Addenda Section.

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Applications should be sent to Acting Director, Evening Institute, Education Department, New Telephone Building, Leighton Hill Road on or before October 3, 1949.

G. F. REES,
Acting Director,
Evening Institute.

SIX SUSPECTS CHARGED IN MENACES CASE

Two married women and four men were charged at Central before Mr. A. D. Scholes yesterday on three counts of demanding \$500 with menaces from a Chinese woman.

The defendants are Leung Sim, aged 37, married woman, Leung Kok-wah, aged 26, Leung Yuk, aged 36, married woman, Luk Wah, aged 42, Wong Him-lung, aged 30, and Cheung Sing-man, aged 45.

They are charged with demanding \$500 with menaces from Cheung Oi-chan, a married woman. The defendants were also charged with repeating the same demand on July 31 and August 1.

Detective Sub-Inspector J. Howlett conducted the case for the prosecution and Mr. Alfred Y. Ron was for the fifth defendant. The rest of the defendants were not legally represented.

DSI Howlett told the court that the complainant, a married woman, resides at 222 Jaffee Road, second floor. She is related to the third defendant and second defendant is a brother of the third defendant.

"The outcome of this case," said DSI Howlett, "is that as a result of some action by complainant, third defendant's ward was taken to the Po Leung Kuk. Third defendant was very angry and blamed the complainant for the losing of her ward."

On July 30, continued DSI Howlett, second defendant, brother of the third defendant, went to complainant's house in Jaffee Road and made some remarks, at the same time blaming complainant for his sister's ward being taken away from her.

After that, first, fourth and sixth defendants arrived. They all created a commotion and raised their voices at the complainant.

The case will be continued today.



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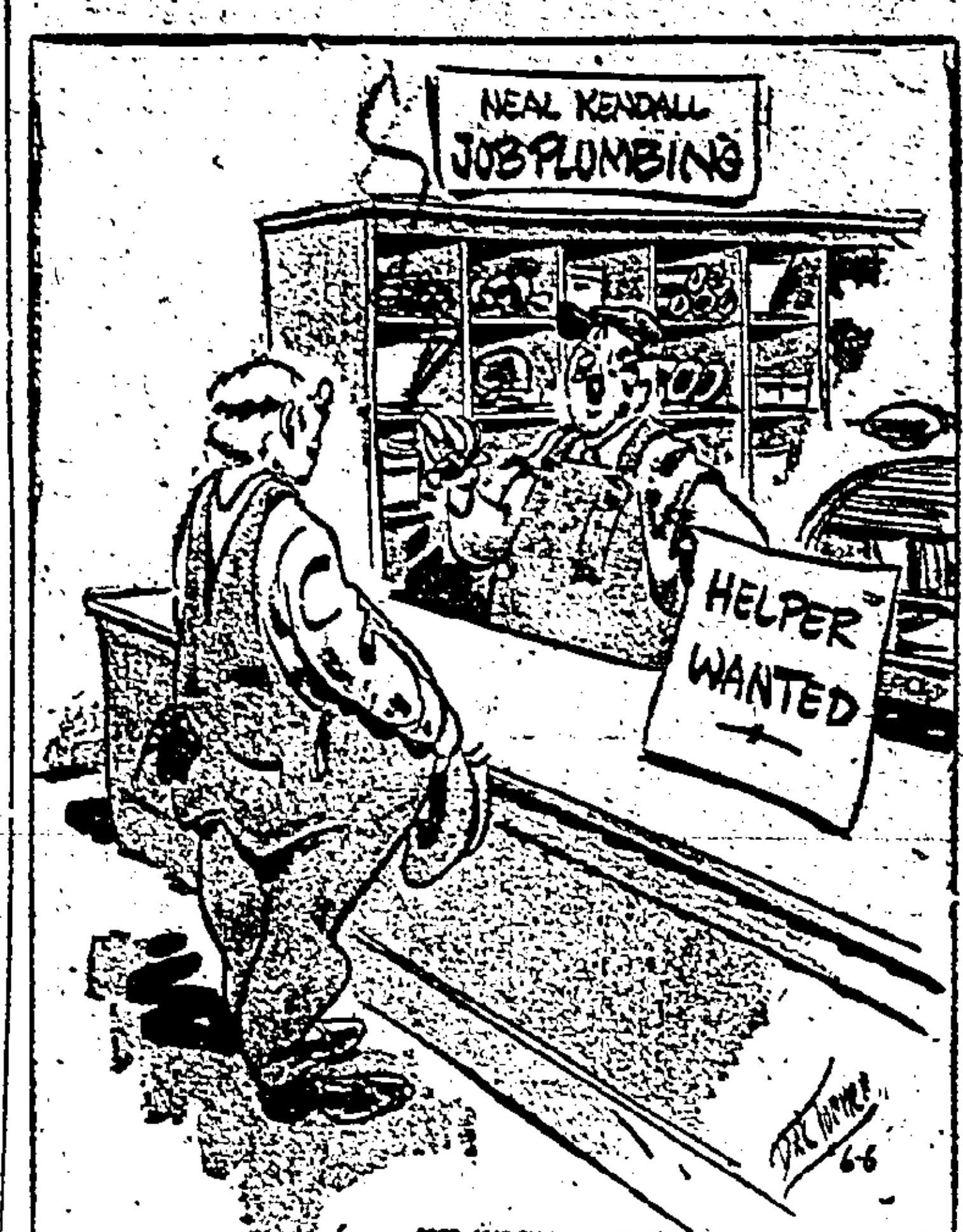
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Peter Whitehead's Speed Victory

Brno, September 25. The Czechoslovak Grand Prix on the Masaryk circuit of 17.8 kilometres was won today by Peter Whitehead, a British driver, at the wheel of his Italian-built Ferrari.

He and Philippe Etancelin, of France, on a Talbot, had a terrific duel throughout the 20 laps to thrill a crowd which was estimated at between 200,000 and 300,000 persons who lined the course.

Whitehead moved from fifth to first place in the sixth lap but fell back to second on refuelling. Etancelin went through without refuelling but he lost his lead in the 15th lap, only to regain it for two laps when Whitehead had mechanical trouble.

The British driver resumed the lead two laps from home and kept in front to win.

Franco Cortese, of Milan, on another Ferrari, was third.

Prior to the Grand Prix, a French-built Simca of 1,500-c.c. driven by Treybal, won the Brno Cup for sports cars, covering six laps of the course in 57 mins. 23.7 secs.

He beat the 2,000-c.c. specially built Czech Tetraplane, driven by Bruno Sojka, which, however, won its class in 58 mins. 40.5 secs.

Whitehead's winning time for the race was 2 hrs. 48 mins. 41 secs, which is approximately 128.4 kilometres an hour. Etancelin took 2 hrs. 49 mins. 16.6 secs, and Cortese clocked 2 hrs. 53 mins. 30.4 secs.

The best time for a lap was returned by Switzerland's Graffenreid, whose second lap was covered in 8 mins. 3 secs, giving an average speed of 132.7 kilometres an hour. — Reuter.

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LET ONE TRICK PASS DEFENDERS should realize that the mechanics of the cards operate the same for them as for the declarer. When playing for the A, finessed the club Q, laid down the A in the hope that the K was blanked, which it was, took two more clubs, scored the spade A and led the Q implored the Fates to place the K with North, took the heart return with the 10 and laid down the K for the ninth trick.

Where the contract was beaten, South read West for four diamonds to the J-10 and North for two. So he played the 8 and West won. There the declarer felt that his only chance for nine tricks was to find North holding the heart Q. So he finked the J toward the A. When the Q won this, South ran five diamonds to beat the contract two tricks.

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H 9 5 4 .

D 9 3 .

C 6 5 3 2 .

S J 9 6 5 4 .

H A 8 7 6 .

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DAK Q 8 7 4 .

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(Dealer: West. Both sides vulnerable.)

West: North East South

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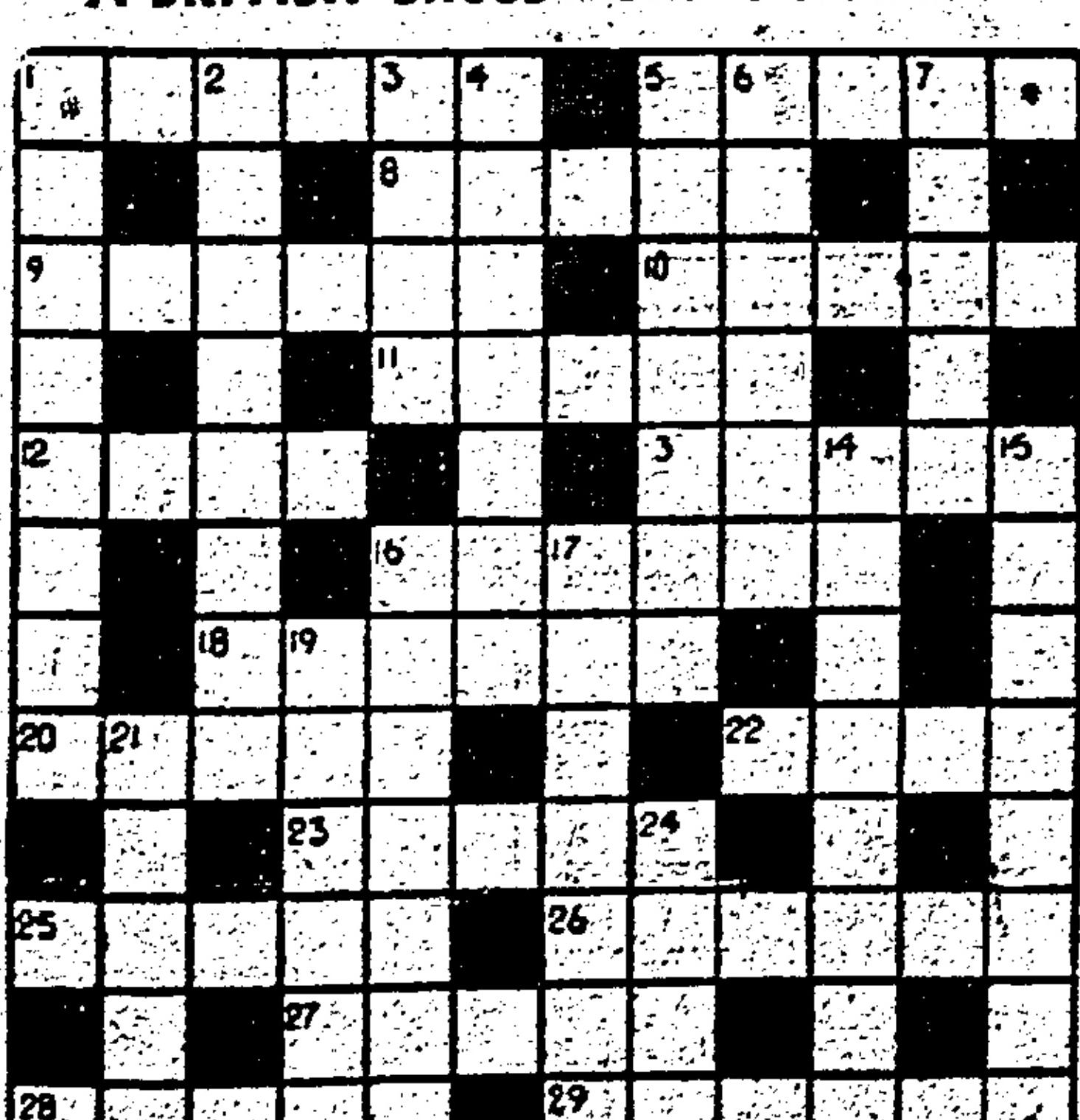
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With perfect bidding by both sides, what is the correct final contract for this deal?

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2. Very hot.
3. Precious stone.
5. Broadside.
6. Danger.
9. Proverbial hard worker.
10. Chemical weapon.
11. Weapon.
12. Song.
13. Finished.
14. Money exchanged.
15. Snare.
16. Reception room.
17. Fortune.
18. Produce.
19. Book of maps.
20. Object of journey.
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JAPS ANGLING FOR PEACE CONFERENCE

Tokyo, September 25.
The Government is to press for the convening of a veto-free Japanese peace conference in diplomatic notes to 11 Pacific allies this autumn.

However, it will take no hasty action to call a conference without Russia, according to official opinion here.

Prospects for an early peace conference are still believed to be slight, however, since neither Russia nor the United States has shown signs of backing down on the key dispute over the big power veto right in the conference.

Despite the suggestions that the United States and Britain may decide to hold a conference and write a Japanese peace treaty without Russia, informed quarters believe that this threat will not be carried through.

It is pointed out that while the United States Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, and the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, announced agreement on the agency of settling Japan's peace terms, there has been no official indication that Britain and the United States want to frame a peace which would leave Japan in a legal state of war with Russia and subject to a separate settlement with Russia.

The United States and British drive for a peace conference was based on the belief that now Russia will consider it in its interest to abandon demands for the veto in order to gain potentially great advantages that would come from getting the United States occupation forces out of Japan.

MARTYR TOWN DECORATED

Bologna, September 25.
The martyr town of Italy, Marzabotto, near Bologna, was today awarded the Golden Medal for valor by Italy's President, Signor Luigi Einaudi, during a special ceremony.

Marzabotto's 1,830 inhabitants were shot by German Schutz Staffel (S.S.) units in reprisal actions against the partisans during the last stages of the war.

V. A. Hammond, Mayor of Coventry, England, attended the ceremony along with Sig. Alberto Giovanni, Minister without Portfolio.

The official speaker was the Communist Senator, Sig. Umberto Terracini, former chairman of Italy's Constituent Assembly.—Associated Press.

RAF FIGHTER CRASH

Oshawa, September 25.
A British fighter plane crashed today at Metcalf, near here, and was burnt out completely.

Witnesses of the crash said that they saw a pilot leaping from the plane, which was wrapped in a cloud of smoke before it crashed.—Reuter.

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THE DYING CLASS

We have recently published two articles on Britain's disappearing middle class, which provided the traders, soldiers and administrators who built up the nation and the empire in the last century. In America and Hong Kong, for instance, this class is still very much in evidence, but in the United Kingdom they have suffered so many blows in recent years that the question is being widely asked whether they can survive as an entity much longer.

Largely because of crushing taxation, Britain's national income has now been so redistributed that professional and business people have a standard of living not much higher than artisans and technicians. The falling off of purchasing power has been accompanied by a loss of political power. Today it is organised labour through powerful trade unions which has the dominating voice.

Further, it is the "workers" who are deciding what the tenor of life shall be, what the proper standards of life are. To make a profit or acquire large sums of money by trade is emphatically frowned on; to have tastes towards a fine house, servants, foreign travel, etc. is offensive to the working class sense of propriety and must be eliminated.

It is all being done gradually, of course, without pogroms or outright confiscation, and the weapon of taxation is wielded unceasingly to effective purpose. The formerly comfortably-off now have to live on their capital to maintain even a shadow of their previous life, and with supertax at 19/6d. in the £ it is no longer possible to amass a great fortune.

This will inevitably have a sweeping effect on the fabric of Britain. Having insisted on the principle that there must be little difference in standards of living, the Socialists in power say there is no necessity for large fortunes. The State will provide cradle to grave welfare and insurance, and through nationalisation will gradually take over all industry. The trend is almost impossible to stop, and even by the end of the century it will be a very different country from the one in which some of us were brought up. Whether it is a tragedy or an improvement will largely depend on the point of view.

Members of another dying class are expected to arrive in Hong Kong today—Europeans evacuating from Communist-held Shanghai. They are of many vocations, but they all in essence represent the foreign traders who built up, directly or indirectly, the busy ports on the China coast. If Mac Tse-tung has his way, their day is also done, however tenaciously some individuals still cling to their posts in face of the most fantastic operating conditions. Hong Kong will be the real last stand of Western endeavour in this part of the world, and the test of our strength will be how we can stand up to the gradual undermining pro-

SEARCHLIGHT ON U.S.

NOW THE CRY IS: LET'S BE FRIENDS

By GEOFFREY BARKER

While statesmen of Britain, the United States and Canada wrangled chumminly with the British crisis, other world leaders were trickling back to New York for what may be the most successful General Assembly of the United Nations yet.

United Nations delegates—those practised performers in the art of stalemate and deadlock—are full of optimism for the Lake Success conferences.

Even the Russians are showing anxiety not to rock the boat more than they can help. The cold war just at the moment seems as much part of history as last season's Cup Final.

There was an encouraging scene at Lake Success when the Russians went to great lengths to avoid using another veto. The fiery Argentines—who do better out of world wars than most people—tried to force the Russians into using a veto by bringing up the question of admitting more non-Communist countries to the United Nations. Soviet delegates, using all the tricks of debate they knew, managed to talk out the issue, and the Argentine delegate left in a huff.

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ETHIOPIA WANTS BACK HER LOST PROVINCES

Geographically and ethnographically there is a case for the union of the predominantly Coptic highlanders of Eritrea. What of Ethiopia?

By J.L. HAYS

most certainly the Copts of Eritrea desire that union.

But, with an equal degree of certainty, it can be stated that the half-pagan, half-Moslem Somalis do not desire it.

Export Trade

Ethiopia also has a case, at first sight, impressive, within the sphere of 1949-style economics.

Her export trade (worth nearly £3,000,000 in the first six months of this year, with coffee, hides and skins predominating) is certainly handicapped by high transport expenditure.

The two main ports for Ethiopia's trade are Massawa, on the Eritrean coast, and Jibuti, on that of French Somaliland.

Giant Italian-run Diesel trucks running over Italian-built roads take three days on the Addis Ababa-Massawa run, and in 1948 the British administration of Eritrea collected nearly £36,000 in 15 per cent transit fees at the frontier.

To move exports to Jibuti the Ethiopians are compelled to use their only railway, French-owned, French-run.

An idea of the freight rates charged by the French is gained from the fact that it costs less to move machinery from America's Middle West all the way to Jibuti than it does to move it over the 480 miles of railway between Jibuti and Addis Ababa.

But development of Ethiopia's export trade (1948 total: nearly £29,000,000) does not entirely depend on happier transit arrangements.

Before that trade can be boosted to the point at which a demand for ports bears full examination, a vast range of improvements in technique and marketing must be implemented.

Bad Farmers

Despite generally favourable climatic conditions, Ethiopia's agriculture is notorious for its deficiencies.

Only Ethiopia's coffee bears comparison with the products of her neighbours.

Material wealth—except gold—is virtually unexploited. There may be oil. What little industry exists is foreign-owned.

Both foreign capital and foreign know-how are necessary if development plans are to succeed.

SPOTLIGHT ON THE EMPIRE



With a Slickey Grin. A quarter of the world's population is now standing on its own feet, says Mao Tse-tung. And treading on the toes of the other three-quarters.

According to some local sources, the question of which government to recognise in China can be taken as red.

Why these atoms can't just dissolve demographically, I can't imagine.

In Hong Kong, price control is a small matter.

Former Philippines president Osmeña has added yet another Laurel to his achievements.

Difficult to estimate whether the Nationalists intend making a grand stand in Amoy, or just another grandstand play.

Koed is to be held at any price, says Mr. Koed.

But it may prove a pearl without price.

Girls who wear funnel hats the whole year through.

To get married. But seldom do.

Sign of the times. The fact that all the plum blossom trees are bearing sour grapes in Canton is regarded as not the best of omens.

"Bread in Britain has been raised by a penny a loaf." Lot of straws in the wind this autumn.

One man's meat. Chiang and Liu Han lunched together at Kunming. For face's sake, each said the reason he used his own cook was to show his friend what real food is.

Dinner was a little late, so the hostess played the piano. She finished, but there was still an interval of waiting. In the silence she turned to her guest and asked, "Would you like a soufflé before dinner?" He gave a start of surprise and pleasure. "Why yes, thank you. I had a couple on my way here, but I think I could stand another."



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CHANGE OF HEART IN THE UNITED NATIONS

Atom Bomb Revelation Spurs New Activity

FREEING NATIONS FROM FEAR

There has been a noticeable transformation of atmosphere of the United Nations General Assembly since Friday when President Truman announced that an atomic explosion had occurred in Russia.

With the Foreign Ministers of the "Big Five" and of other Western nations present among them, the top-most diplomats of 50 nations present here have represented a unique concentration of the world's political wisdom.

Yet, until Friday morning, there had been little enthusiasm, marked by quiet optimism.

CRIPPS' MEETING WITH TUC

London, September 25. The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps, will meet leaders of the Trades Union Congress tomorrow for a session that might determine the timing of the next general election.

With the deviation of sterling forcing an increase in the cost of living the most pressing question facing the Labour Government today is: Can trade union demands for higher wages be foreseen?

There was no question here but that the two-to-one Labour majority in the House of Commons could now down critics of financial policies in the three-day Parliamentary debate which opens on Tuesday.

However, Sir Stafford must convince the leaders of the 8,000-member TUC that British economy cannot afford general wage increases now despite the climb in the cost of living.

If he cannot, or if these leaders report they cannot maintain discipline over local union demands, it is believed possible that the Government may call early elections to avoid going to the polls in a period of mounting inflation.—*Union Press*.

U.S. RELATIONS WITH SPAIN

Washington, September 25. A speedy return to friendly relations with Spain was urged by Senator Robert Taft as a step toward strengthening North Atlantic defences against a possible Soviet attack.

Senator Taft, who heads the U.S. Senate Republican Policy Committee, said he thinks Spain ought to be invited into the community of nations prepared to fight any advances of Communism.

"There is great strategic value in having the friendship of Spain," the Ohio Senator said. "She is in a key military position so far as Europe is concerned."

"There is no reason why we should not recognise her fully in a diplomatic way and send an Ambassador to Madrid."—Associated Press.

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SMALL NATIONS WANT ATOM BOMB CONTROL

New York, September 25.

Worried small countries in the United Nations are putting strong pressure on the big powers to curb the atom bomb quickly. They want international control and the sooner the better. That is the consensus of leading spokesmen for the little nations in the fourth United Nations Assembly.

Their fears about the bomb were high when they knew that the U.S. alone had it.

Now that the Russians say they have an atomic weapon, their apprehension reaches new heights.

President Carlos P. Romulo of the Assembly set the pace with a demand that the present Assembly, which he wants to be known as the "peace Assembly", face up squarely to the problem.

But in spite of all the moves of the small nations for international control of atomic energy, the Russian disclosures appear to have made no difference in the three-year stalemate between the U.S. and the Soviet Union.

The Assembly will try on Monday to close the general policy statements of delegation leaders.

BEVIN TO SPEAK

The last one of big power delegates to speak is Mr. Ernest Bevin of Britain, who is expected to touch on the announcements of the atomic explosion in Russia.

The British and Americans are known to feel that the six-country talks on atomic energy will proceed as though nothing has happened.

Another meeting of the atomic delegates is due for Thursday.

These delegates represent the United States, France, Britain, China, the Soviet Union and Canada.—Associated Press.

"Russia Has Upper Hand"

Prague, September 25.

The Czechoslovak Army newspaper "Obraze Lidi" declared today that news that Russia has the atom bomb means that "the Soviet Union's camp now has the crushing upper hand" in world power.

The newspaper said that this was not only a warning to the "warmongering West" it should caution Czechoslovak "reaction" which had counted on a victory of the West in a new war.

At the same time, the official Prague Radio, which for two days had censored reports of an atomic explosion in the Soviet Union, broadcast the Tass statement that Russia "has had the secret of atomic weapons since 1947."

"Obraze Lidi" said that these reports "change the entire international situation."

"This report strengthens the faith of the peaceful world and the anti-imperialist camp in the immense power of the Soviet Union," the paper said.—Associated Press.

MALAYA KILLINGS

Singapore, September 25. Troops of the Suffolk Regiment and police today killed four and captured three wounded members of the Kajang gang Communist terrorists in Malaya.

Three Malayan police were killed by terrorists who ambushed a convoy on its way from Kuala Lipis to Mentakab.

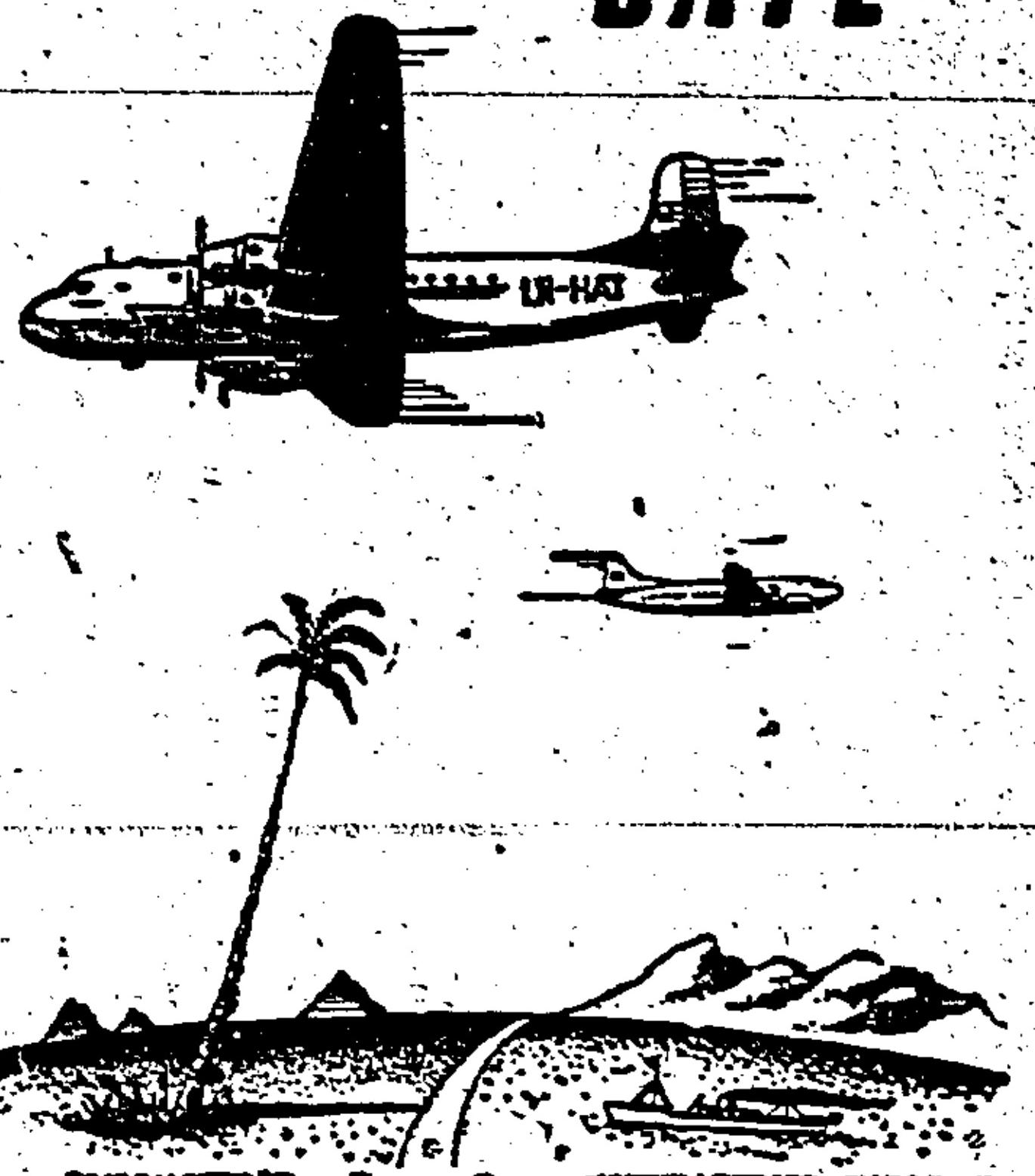
On Saturday, five police were killed in ambushing near the Siamese border of Kedah State.—Associated Press.

STATUE'S TOUR

Bogota, September 25. A statue to Our Lady of Fatima, which was brought from Portugal, was greeted by a crowd of 40,000 people when it reached here today on a tour of American countries.

The statue will remain in Bogota for 10 days, and will afterwards visit other Colombian cities before being taken on to Ecuador.—Reuter.

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WHEN DID RUSSIA GET IT?

Moscow, September 25. Russia evidently mastered the secret of atomic weapons sometime between autumn, 1946, and autumn, 1947.

This is brought out by two statements on the subject by Soviet leaders.

Stalin on October 28, 1946, was asked if the Soviet Union had its own atomic bomb or any weapon like it. His answer was "No".

Then on November 6, 1947, VM Molotov said the atomic secret was no longer a secret.

The latest announcement states that the Russians had an atomic weapon as far back as Molotov's speech on November 6, 1947.

On the basis of these statements, the mastery of it came sometime between Stalin's statement in October, 1946 and Molotov's a year later.—Associated Press.

Bordeaux, September 25. General Charles de Gaulle told an open-air meeting in Bordeaux Central Square today that the Atlantic Pact would be good if America had been able to preserve the monopoly of the atomic bomb.

"If the atomic weapon is to be in the hands of both camps, the Pact as now drawn up will lose a great deal of its efficacy for Europe," he stated.

He said "The French people are feeling increasingly apprehensive. Official leaders in the country keep repeating that stability has been acquired and security assured. I say this is not so," he added.

"Everybody knows that the French economy is only bolstered up owing to the temporary imports under the Marshall Plan. The budget is only balanced by inflation. The franc has had to admit to a fresh devaluation imposed from outside in disquieting and irritating conditions. The questions of prices, salaries, housing and reconstruction are more acute than ever."

"The nation must be warned that nothing obliges nor predisposes the United States to take part on a big scale in the direct and immediate defence of our continent."

"As long as Europe does not constitute a sure and powerful bridgehead do not let us expect that armadas will arrive to dismember their armies." General de Gaulle said.

"We know that England would fight at once if the West were attacked, but we know also that, because of air power, she has strategically ceased to be entirely an island."

"We know she thinks first of her own defences and would not risk the main part of her forces to the continent."

"It is up to the French people to ensure French security. The immediate security of Europe and North Africa is, in the first instance, the responsibility of France."

Mr. Horner had been asked at a miners' meeting about the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee's, statement yesterday on the country's position after devaluation, when he said: "A general rise in personal incomes would do grave injury to our economic recovery."

Mr. Horner said: "Coal is more precious to Britain than dollars and Argentine wheat. If we do not get our target this year of 220 million tons, we shall be compelled to draw heavily upon stocks to honour our commitments entered into with foreign countries and this would mean a grave risk."

BULLION FOR UNITED STATES

Washington, September 26. The Orient shipped more than US\$5,000,000 worth of gold and silver to the United States in the 12 months ending last June 30.

The U.S. Department of Commerce said US\$2,054,532 worth was gold and US\$1,979,545 was silver.

Gold shipments were US\$1,904,519 from the Philippines, US\$149,815 from Korea and US\$198 from Japan.

Silver shipments were: China, US\$822,208; Hong Kong, \$819,359; Philippines, \$193,635; Korea, \$58,621; British Malaya, \$2,670.

—Associated Press.

Pleading for active military units, equipment and mobility, he said: "As French military power affirms itself, co-operation from others will be more forthcoming and Europe will lift her head and look to us. I believe that the organisation of Europe must come from Europe itself."

"A vast referendum of all free Europeans should be the starting point. France should take the initiative as soon as her public powers really represent the nation and not merely political parties in the process of dying."

The German people must be included among the peoples of Europe.

"Despite the sadness and anger which the mere mention of Germany arouses in millions of men, the man of commonsense sees that the Germans are there in the middle of our continent—numerous, disciplined, dynamic and gifted by nature and by their work with a very great economic potential."

Withdrawal Of England

"He sees them well provided with coal, equipped for large-scale production despite their ruins and dismantling, and capable of rising to great heights in thought, science and art as soon as they ceased to be misled by passion for conquest."

"He sees that, as a result of Soviet domination, Europe is cut off from a very vast and valuable part of herself."

"He sees England withdrawing from Europe, attracted by the trans-Atlantic mass."

"United Europe must, therefore, if possible, and despite everything, incorporate the Germans," General de Gaulle added. "Europe will only be created if a direct agreement between Germans and Gauls can be reached."

General de Gaulle, who has kept out the political picture in recent months, made it clear that he is still seeking to lead his country once again.

His French People's Rally (RPF) is generally thought to have lost considerable strength this spring and summer.

"So that we may resume and carry out our great task of public welfare," he said today, "I ask you as I did once before to rally and help me by every means."

"The day is perhaps not far off—in any case, it will come sooner or later—when your votes will clear the way."—Reuter and Associated Press.

Montreal, September 26. Sir Thomas Beecham, famous British conductor, will direct the chorus and orchestra at the Montreal Festival's presentation of Berlin's "Requiem for the Dean" on November 4. —Associated Press.

Digesting The News



"Well," says Jan Gerrit Klifman, former Dutch circus hand, "I like them, preferably with a little brown sugar," and he tucks into another morsel from the "old newspapers he eats every day. Daily papers just off the press are a rare treat, and go down very well with his 10 ounces of sugar and one pound of pears. The two piles make up his weekly ration." Klifman, who is 50, is pictured in Amsterdam.—AP Photo.

WESTERN EUROPE AT MERCY OF RUSSIANS

Chicago, September 25. Western Europe is at the mercy of Russia, Dr. Harold C. Urey, Nobel Prize winner and discoverer of heavy water, used in atomic research, said yesterday.

"If peace is preserved it will not be because we can prevent Western Europe from being attacked," he added.

Chifley Warns Australia

Sydney, September 25.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Joseph Chifley, today warned of a possible economic depression in Australia and said his Government is planning public works projects to avert unemployment.

In a speech in New South Wales, Mr. Chifley said the Government had mapped a public works programme designed to buttress the people of Australia against economic depression, or which there are several signs overseas.

He added that the Government does not want unemployment in Australia similar to that in the United States, where nearly 4,000,000 persons are out of work.

Devaluation of the Australian Pound presents a challenge to Australian industry and workers, Mr. Chifley declared.

Mr. Chifley said that increased production of better quality goods could be "a valuable contribution to meeting our dollar difficulties."

Although devaluation was not an automatic solution to dollar problems it did offer a big chance to export to the dollar area.

"It is in our hands to seize that chance," he declared.—United Press and Reuter.

PAKISTAN'S RICE NEED

Karachi, September 25.

Pakistan will press for more rice allocations from Burma at the forthcoming regional preparatory meeting in Singapore of the Food and Agricultural Organisation, it was learnt officially in Karachi today.

The East Bengal province of Pakistan is deficient in rice, its main food, and a considerable shortage of food is feared in that area.

Hafiz Mohamed Israque, Joint Secretary to the Food Ministry, who is leading the Pakistan delegation, left this morning for Singapore.—Associated Press.

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Search For Squatting Volunteers

Paris, September 25.

Supporters of "World Citizen No. 1," Gary Davis, are said to be recruiting volunteers to continue the chain-squatting tactic begun by Davis to protest against the arrest of a conscientious objector.

Meanwhile, nobody will say where Davis is. Last reports of him said that he had been arrested for the fifth time in four days outside the Cherche Midi Prison, his place of vigil, last night.

After his arrest, three supporters took it in turn to squat at the prison gate between 10:30 p.m. to midnight.

A police van ran a shuttle service from the prison's main gate to the police station as each squatter was succeeded by another. At midnight the supply of squatters ran out.

"But I do not think that the Russians would let a pillar blow up if they had the scientific and technological brains to build one."

The conference also brought out these points:

(1) Russia is at least abreast of the United States in the development of long-range rockets—potential carriers of atomic warheads.

No Defence

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NOT AFRAID OF WAR IN EUROPE

New York, September 25.

The Netherlands Foreign Minister Dirk Stikker, left New York by air today for Amsterdam.

He told reporters at the airport: "I am not afraid of any war in Europe in the near future."

Dr. Stikker said that he considered the most dangerous Communist situation to be in the Far East, particularly China.—Associated Press.

The French conscientious objector, Jean Moreau, whom Davis is supporting, is now in prison awaiting trial, which is expected to be held next month.—Reuter.

BRITAIN MAKES AN ATOM DEAL

London, September 25. The Sunday paper "Empire News" reported today that Britain has concluded a secret agreement for Portugal's entire output of "a vital radioactive by-product" that is "secret it doesn't have an official name."

Under the headline "Britain makes atom deal gets world lead," the "Empire News" said this unnamed substance is a by-product of the Portuguese tin mines.

"This substance becomes of immense value now that Downing Street and Washington have announced Russia's advance in atomic science," it continued.

"World-wide tests have shown that the substance, which is so secret that it has not even been given an official name, can be produced only from the Portuguese tin mines."

There was no official comment on the report.

The "Empire News" said negotiations with Portugal lasted four months and that Dr. Antonio Salazar, Portuguese Premier, played an important part in them.

Or London's 11 Sunday newspaper, the "Empire News" and eight others devoted the major part of their front pages to stories on atomic bombs.—United Press.

WAR THE REAL CAUSE OF FEAR

Sydney, September 25. The retiring President of the United Nations, Dr. H. V. Evatt, Minister of External Affairs and Deputy Premier of Australia, said today that war rather than the atom bomb is the real cause for fear.

Commenting on President Truman's announcement of an atomic explosion in Russia, Dr. Evatt added: "The enemy that must be fought is not the particular weapon but war itself."

"There are rules of justice which should be used to prevent war. The United Nations stands for peace and for a system by which peace can be obtained."

"My faith in the United Nations is firm and unswerving. As Mr. Truman has stated, the U.N.O. is the chief bulwark of the people of the world against war"—Associated Press.

AMETHYST IN COLOMBO

Colombo, September 25. Glimmering with new paint and with most of her battle scars removed, the British sloop Amethyst steamed quietly into Colombo harbour at dawn today.

"Today HMS Mauritius entertained the officers of Amethyst to lunch, while the Ceylon Navy is entertaining the entire ship's company tonight."

The Prime Minister, D. S. Senanayake, will visit Amethyst on Monday.—Associated Press.

Moscow, September 25. The United States Ambassador, Admiral Alan G. Kirk, left here by train for Stalingrad last night. He is expected to return next Wednesday.—Reuter.

MOSCOW'S AIR OF CONFIDENCE

that the Soviet Union had been pursuing research in atomic energy for many years.

Russian Belief

One widely expressed view was the increased confidence in the Soviet Union, in conjunction with other peace-loving nations, to carry out its peace policy, "undeterred by threats to trans-oceanic atomic" which he wished to plunge the world into a new war.

The Russians believe the military control United States policy "had to do with Wall Street" and that these forces are intent on destroying the Soviet Union.

According to these Russians, the announcement that the Soviet Union has the atom bomb "will help to check these warmongering forces" and make them think twice.

A view that some expressed was that it should help "to bring the American atomic militarist hysterics to a sense."

One Russian woman said that she was not surprised in view of the hints clearly given by M. Molotov and M. Vyshinsky, and the knowledge

that the Soviet Union had been pursuing research in atomic energy for many years.

"Yes, we've got atomic weapons," said a housewife, "this should not cause excitement though, because I believe almost every Soviet citizen has believed we had them."

No Surprise

"It is big news," said a factory worker.

"Who has ever doubted the Soviet Union had the atomic secret?" asked a taxi driver. "But it's good to have it explained so completely."

"What Molotov said in 1947 was clear enough," said a railway worker. "All Russians understand that he meant our Government possessed atomic weapons at that time. This announcement is no surprise."

Said a mechanic: "The announcement makes it clear that our scientists have kept up with or exceeded the Americans."

Reuter and Associated Press.



German Brains Helped Russia Get Atom Bomb

SECRET TALKS ON THE BOMB

London, September 25. A top secret American-British-Canadian meeting to increase atomic stockpiles through new methods of finding and extracting uranium will be held at an undisclosed rendezvous in England this week.

Ministry of Supply officials handling arrangements here said the date and location of the sessions will not be revealed, in accordance with agreements with Washington and Ottawa.

London Sunday newspapers said some 30 experts will be taken to the meeting place daily by car.

Although London papers termed the conference "the most hush-hush since the war," Ministry officials said that extraordinary precautions, other than secrecy of place and time, will not be taken.

Washington reports, however, indicated that the experts will exchange ideas on new techniques or prospecting for uranium ore and extracting metal from it.

The meeting had been arranged before the announcement of the atomic explosion in Russia.

London observers expect, however, that the news from the Soviet Union will spur the United Nations to increase sharing of information and to early approval of stockpiling bombs in Britain.—United Press.

U.S. SHIP IN NORTH KOREA

Seoul, September 25. The North Korean Communist Radio reported that the 1,897-ton American-owned freighter, Kimball R. Smith, overdue at the South Korean port of Kumsan entered the North Korean port of Nampo today.

The Radio added that two Americans are among the crew of South Koreans. Earlier unconfirmed reports said that the Kimball R. Smith had been captured by Communist members of the crew.

The ship is leased to the South Korean Government by the Economic Co-operation Administration.—Reuter.

German brains, equipment and uranium ore helped Russia to break the secret of the atom bomb.

"Without the help of German scientists," a high American officer said today, "Russia could never have developed an atomic weapon so soon."

More than 200 German experts are reported here to have worked in the Soviet Union since 1945. In Germany, tens of thousands of unwilling German workers have been forced and are still being forced into pitchblende mines in the Soviet Zone.

Every ounce of the vital source of uranium is flown to Russia. German scientists started work on an atomic pile before the war ended. Hitler, however, was not impressed. He wanted something that would win the war quickly.

But the Russians were not slow in picking up German atomic research at the point where the Allied victory brought it to an end.

In Eastern Germany there were some German scientists who were waiting for the Russians. According to reports, they had already packed German equipment used in nuclear research and when the Russians came they left immediately for Moscow.

The meeting had been arranged before the announcement of the atomic explosion in Russia.

Other German nuclear physicists needed urging. They were offered high pay and good homes. Some who would not be wooed were forcibly recruited.

In Western Germany, the Americans were similarly inviting German rocket specialists to go to the United States to work on improvement of the V-1 and the V-2.

In 1947, Dr. Werner Heisenberg, one of Germany's foremost atomic specialists, said that three of his closest friends were in Russia.

They were Professor Gustav Hertz, who built Germany's cyclotron for smashing the atom and is an authority on the separation of U-235 from uranium. Dr. Robert Doepel, a prominent Leipzig physicist, and Dr. Ludwig Bevilligau, who worked with Dr. Heisenberg on developing Germany's atomic pile.

Dr. Hertz was reported today to be working in a Russian Government institute in the Crimea.

BUS TRAGEDY

Brno, Czechoslovakia, September 25.

Forty-two are reported to have been killed in a bus which was said to have crashed over a steep hillside near here last night.

According to the reports, which are unconfirmed, there were 70 passengers in the bus, which rolled to the foot of the hill.—Reuter.

Others trotted by its sides, gazing steadily through large brown eyes, silently begging for the pesta, that they were, forbidden by law to demand.

When we asked, in batting phrase-book terms, for an hotel

cupboard, and a telephone.

The bathroom, however, was magnificent.

I hope Your Excellency will find this to your satisfaction.

The sad manager bowed and left us.

We had been driving all day across a sandy plain in a temperature of 95 degrees in the shade. Dust storms had blown across the road in red clouds. The sand got into our hair, our ears and the corners of our eyes.

I went into the bathroom and turned on the bath tap. Nothing happened. I turned on the shower tap. Again nothing happened. I turned on the basin tap. It came off in my hand. Desperately, I went to the house telephone to call for help. It did not even purr. And then, in one horrid moment of realization, I saw that nothing was connected.

With true Spanish reasoning, the management had put in all these gadgets to please the tourist, and make him feel at home, but it never occurred to them that anybody should want to use them.

The manager was very upset to hear our complaints.

By JOHN WATNEY

It was my wife's birthday. The fiesta had just begun. A brass band, led by a disgruntled officer, marched around the streets playing a rumba. Bells were ringing and young ladies with black veils loosely draped over their heads walked towards their churches.

Soldiers in long coats, that hung like dressing-gowns about their ankles, stood in dramatic poses on every street corner. In their expensive uniforms and heavy German boots they looked important and self-satisfied.

Around them clustered the rest of the population, men in utility suits and girls in printed frocks, talking to them with the close attention of the servant to its master.

It was like being in a country still at war.

Then suddenly a group of young men and women came dancing and singing across the cobbles. Others joined them in a spontaneous outburst of gaiety. Even the soldiers relaxed, and a peanut vendor, who had been doing a good business up till then, prudently rolled his barrow out of the way.

Soon the whole square was a living pattern of movement and colour. The music of accordions floated out of the shuttered windows with the smell of roasting meat. Gone now was the uneasy seriousness of a few moments ago.

Hotel In Castle

It was into this dancing throng that we drove, searching for somewhere to stay. Small boys

EUROPE RINGED BY RED ROCKET BASES

Frankfurt, September 25.

Russia has virtually ringed Western Europe with super-secret V-2 rocket-launching bases, Allied and German sources said tonight.

The V-weapon bases are aimed at strategic points in Western Europe, from the English Channel to the Adriatic.

The report, coupled with Russia's newly-disclosed atomic knowledge, raises the possibility of missiles with atomic warheads blanketing Western Europe in the event of an East-West war.

Anglo-American intelligence sources said they had confirmed reports, brought out of Russia recently by an escaping German expert, that the Soviets are building an elaborate network of V-bomb launching sites round the perimeter of Western Europe.

Evidence indicated that the bomb sites are supported with with the radar installations necessary to keep guide missiles on their course.

A German expert, who was shipped to Russia with other German technicians in 1946, recently escaped to the West. He said that when he left Russia five single-battery bases had been completed in Eastern Germany and Czechoslovakia and three more bases were being constructed.

The expert, identified as a former scientist at the German V-2 Bleicherode works in Thuringia, said he was forced to serve three years on Russian scientific projects, including the Soviet Central Institute for V-bomb Development.

Three others, he added, were being erected near Prague in Czechoslovakia, aimed at the Balkan countries and the Adriatic coast.—United Press.

A former colleague of his, Professor W. Fuchs of Aachen, told the Associated Press:

"According to his letters, he is healthy and happy. He lives in a private house, has a car and servants. He never writes about his work, but I suppose he cooperated in the construction of the Soviet atom bomb."

Forced Work

Russian mining of pitchblende from the mines of the Erz mountains in Saxony first started in 1946. Several thousand Russian and German engineers investigated the area, placed it under police guard and began work in full force early in 1947.

Thousands of workers were recruited by the Soviet authorities to work in the mines. The forced work continues. Every month new trainloads of workers leave Eastern zone cities for the mining area.

The workers live in prison-type barracks, work 10 hours a day and are not allowed to leave the restricted area. Occasionally some escape to tell that plane loads of the precious pitchblende leave daily for the Soviet Union.

The full extent to which German scientists have helped the Russians cannot be known. The Nobel Prize winner, Professor Max von Laue, atom physicist at Goettingen University, said: "I have a pair of binoculars with which I can pierce the iron curtain—but I cannot see the answer to that"—Associated Press.

The workers live in prison-type barracks, work 10 hours a day and are not allowed to leave the restricted area. Occasionally some escape to tell that plane loads of the precious pitchblende leave daily for the Soviet Union.

According to his Russian overseers, he continued, several Soviet commissions were working on projects to bring launching sites into action on a few minutes' notice.

Plans for both fixed and mobile bases have been worked out in detail and stationary bases of one and three batteries have been installed all over East Germany," he said.

"Each is already supplied with ballistic computations and firing orders to a fixed target area in West Europe."

Locations of finished bases were listed as follows:

Directed At Sweden

1. Between Neustrelitz and Penzlin in the state of Mecklenburg in Germany—aimed at Southern Sweden.

2. Between Aakland and Wolgast also aimed at Southern Sweden.

3. South of Erfurt in Thuringia—aimed at the Rhine River Crossings and Bridgeheads near Cologne and Dusseldorf and the Schildt River estuary.

According to the Spaniards, appeared to be or perhaps they realised the value of flattery?

He led us down a corridor hacked through the outer walls to a small prison-like room which contained two iron beds standing side by side, a wicker armchair, a plain deal table, a cheap

cupboard, and a telephone.

The bathroom, however, was magnificent.

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At dinner we had three waiters to ourselves, and the manager came to our table at the end of the meal and asked us whether we had enjoyed it.

We went to bed early. We had another long day of driving ahead of us, and wanted to be fresh in the morning.

We left at 10. When I asked for the bill, the manager held up his hands and said: "Oh, Your Excellency. There is nothing to pay, nothing at all."

I was so surprised I did not know what to say. In the end I got into the car and drove away.

I gave the head porter and the bell-hop a large tip. It seemed the least I could do.

When we were a 100 miles away, I said to my wife:

"I wonder who they thought we were?"

"The British Ambassador?"

"We haven't got one here."

"We'll look in on the way back and find out."

But in the end we came back another way and had neither the money nor the petrol to afford a detour. So we still did not know who we were supposed to be, or whether there was any trouble when the manager eventually presented "His Excellency's" bill to what he considered the right quarter.

The manager was very upset to hear our complaints.

Nothing Worked

The bell-hop came jumping down the steps, pulled open the door of the car and bowed deeply. No one said a word.

A tall, sad-looking man with the distinguished face of the aristocrat, and the clothes of an Englishman, greeted us gravely.

"This way, Your Excellency."

Your Excellency? How very

RUSSIAN ESPIONAGE IN U.S.

Washington, September 25. Two members of the Congress said today that lax controls and a soft attitude toward Communism opened the way to Communist infiltration and helped Soviet Russia to make the atom bomb.

Senator Herbert O'Connor, Democrat, said the door of the United States was wide open for Communist infiltration and urged a five-point programme to slam it shut.

Representative Harold Velde (Republican) said Russia undoubtedly gained three to five years in producing the atomic bomb because of the soft official attitude toward Communism during the last 15 years from the White House down.

Both of them protested that alien Communist agents are operating in the United States despite official knowledge of their subversive activities.

Representative Velde, former FBI agent and member of the House committee on un-American activities, estimated that there were at least 150 American Communists and Soviet agents at one time who engaged in a Russian attempt to obtain atomic secrets in the United States.

He said: "The weakness and laxity of the executive branch of the Government permitted the escape of a number of these Soviet agents from the United States carrying information on the atomic bomb and other scientific developments. Even more disturbing is the fact that Soviet espionage agents are still highly active in the continental United States."

Velde denounced and denied a statement by the Attorney-General, Howard McGrath, last week that some cases cannot be prosecuted because it would require the Government to disclose top-secret information.

He said: "The failure to safeguard the atomic secrets proves conclusively that we should re-assess our whole security programme and throw out of office those incompetents who regard their political lives as more important than our national security."

Senator O'Connor, in a radio interview, said that immigration laws should be tightened to shut off Communist infiltration.

The Senate Immigration Subcommittee, of which he is acting chairman, has evidence that hundreds of Communist agents have been allowed to enter the United States as diplomats or members of international organizations despite advance knowledge of their previous subversive activities.

They are not rank and file Communists, he said, but brains and guiding force of subversive activity in this country—generals of the Communist fifth column.—United Press.

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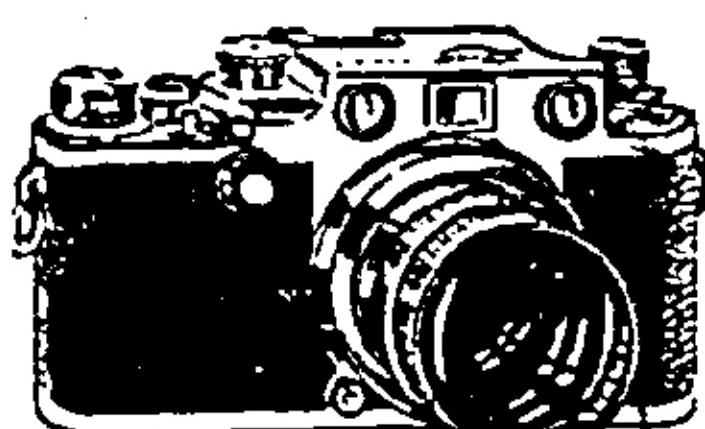
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RESUMPTION OF FREE TIN DEALINGS IN UK

London, September 25.

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Discussions are in progress between the Government and the Committee of the London Metal Exchange with a view to the re-opening of the Exchange for dealings in tin at the earliest practicable date, the announcement said.

"It is expected that the Singapore market will re-open," the statement said. "Sales of tin which were suspended after the devaluation announcement a week ago will be resumed by the Ministry tomorrow, Monday."

The price of Straits tin for sale in the United States will be reduced from \$1.03 to 93 cents per pound c.i.f. New York. The price to other customers will be the equivalent price in Sterling, namely £1.73 per ton ex-smelter.

Sydney Campbell, Reuter's financial editor, writes:

"Tonight's announcement means that to some extent the Ministry of Supply is splitting with the American consumers the price difference arising from devaluation."

The dollar price is being reduced by just under eight per cent.

That means that the price in Sterling for the Malayan and Nigerian producers and the price in guilders for the Indonesian producers goes up by 32 per cent.

The prices in Belgian francs for producers in the Belgian Congo, go up by about six per cent.

This concession is the dollar price rung back to the principle of maintaining dollar prices for Sterling Area goods wherever possible.

Prices of copper, lead and zinc, which come partly from dollar areas, have had to be raised by the full amount of the devaluation even for those supplies which come from non-dollar countries.

In the case of tin, the only metal which earns dollars for the European countries, while other metals cost them dollars, some concession was unavoidable. American consumers would have insisted on it.

Even so, the sharp rise in Sterling prices to the British consumer, which was given today as £2.750, against £2.69 before devaluation, will be disliked by the manufacturing users. Maintaining the dollar price would have meant raising the Sterling price still higher, to £2.824 a ton.

Malaya also has credit balances with Canada, India, South Africa, Ceylon, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Poland, Norway, Russia, Sweden, Romania, Argentina and Ireland.

Trade with the United Kingdom jumped during August by about STS15,000,000, both in exports and imports.—Associated Press.

The most significant development in Malayan trade was the growth of exports to Russia. During the eight months Malaysia sent STS\$44,856,306 worth of goods, mostly rubber, to Russia and imported only STS\$5,091.

The increases, which range from half-penny to three-pence per pound, are caused by normal fluctuations and are not due to devaluation, it was stated.

American cotton is increased by one penny a pound. The highest rise of three-pence is for certain types of Egyptian cotton. Reuter.

Malaya still has a favourable balance of trade with the United States, exporting to the value of STS\$254,144,418 and importing STS\$80,269,472 worth of goods in return.

Malaya also had credit balances with Canada, India, South Africa, Ceylon, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Poland, Norway, Russia, Sweden, Romania, Argentina and Ireland.

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The small drop in the dollar price may be offset by bigger imports of tin into the United States. It was in the foreknowledge of the devaluation and its prospective effect on prices that the United States removed some of the restrictions on consumption of tin and undertook to look into the question of buying more of it for the stockpile.

Perhaps even more important in the long run is that the London Metal Exchange is to be reopened for free dealings in tin.

That thus follows rubber in being released from bulk purchases and returns to a free market, rare action by Britain's Socialist Government.

Today's announcement by the Ministry of Supply said that negotiations between the Government and the Committee of the London Metal Exchange would determine the conditions in which the tin market will operate. This doubtless refers to safeguards against any loss of hard currency.

Market quarters contend that this could have been done even before devaluation. It can certainly be done now that Sterling has become under-valued instead of over-valued as it was before.

Repercussions

The re-opening of a free market in tin, which has been closed since the outbreak of the war, will be subject to rent.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the steamer's godown, and all goods remaining undelivered after September 27, 1949, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before October 2, 1949, or they will not be recognised.

No fire insurance will be effected.

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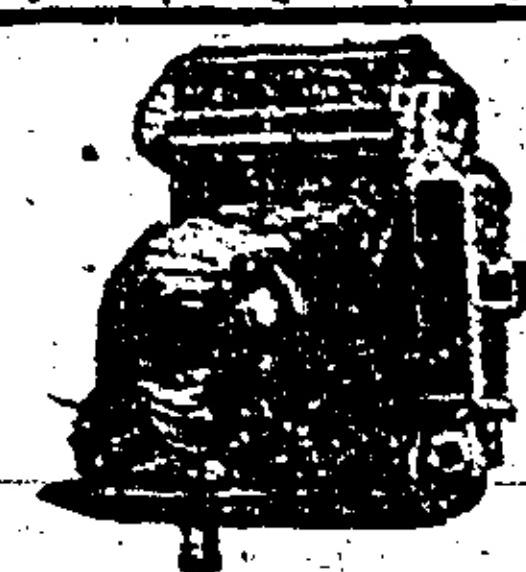
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SWEDISH SOCCER TEAM ARRIVING NOVEMBER 24

Grand Prix Disaster

Bruno, September 25.
Unofficial reports said today that at least seven were killed and 25 injured today when three racing cars competing for the Grand Prix of Czechoslovakia plunged at different times into groups of tightly packed spectators on a sharp curve.—United Press.

Italians In Davis Cup Final

San Francisco, September 25.
Czechoslovakian and Italian Davis Cup players figured prominently in the semi-finals when the hard court lawn tennis championships were continued at Berkeley here prior to the decision of the final today.

Jaroslav Drobny and Vladimír Černik won their men's double against the Americans Earl Cochell and Herb Flann 9-7, 4-6, 6-1, 6-4 and so qualified to meet Ted Schroeder, United States, and Eric Sturges, South Africa, in the final.

In the mixed doubles semi-finals, Cianchi K. Cucelli, Italy, and Wilma Smith, America, beat Marcello Del Bello, Italy, and Dorothy Herd, America, 8-6, 6-3 while Sturges and Doris Hart won 6-0, 6-3 against Černik, Czechoslovakia, and Nancy Morrison, America.

Drobny put up a great fight in the men's singles semi-final, taking Schroeder to five sets before the American won 4-6, 3-6, 12-10, 6-4, 6-1.—Reuter.

Gutierrez Shield

The entries for the International Lawn Bowls Competition ("Gutierrez Shield") closed yesterday. Clubs that have not sent in their entries are requested to do so today.

The following are the entries to date:

Club de Recreio
Portugal—J. E. Noronha, J. A. Luz, R. F. Luz, C. C. Pereira, C. F. Remedios, A. P. Pereira, G. A. Gutierrez, A. A. Lopez and N. A. Beltrao.

Prison Officers Club
Scotland—J. McCutcheon.
Ireland—C. V. Jamieson and J. Joyce.
England—W. C. Higgs, J. Grant and R. G. Davies.
Wales—R. S. Rosen.
South Africa—A. W. Hircott.

Taikeo Docks Club
Scotland—J. C. Chalmers, W. G. McKie and M. Melrose.
Ireland—J. H. Kinniburgh.

Indian Recreation Club
Malaya—M. Y. Adil, S. Yusuf, A. M. Wahab, M. B. Hassan, A. H. Seemin, M. A. Wahab, sr., M. A. Wahab, jr., Ismail Ali and A. R. Kitchell.
India—K. M. Rumjahn, S. M. Rumjahn, A. R. Minu, A. R. A. Rahim and U. A. Rumjahn.
Pakistan—M. I. Razack and A. M. Omer.

Kowloon Cricket Club
England—P. Goodwin and J. A. Tibble.
Scotland—J. MacLean.
China—J. Tang, J. N. Wong, George Lee and W. Hong Sling.
Switzerland—C. S. Rossetti, C. R. Rossetti, G. R. Rossetti and E. R. Rossetti.

Philippines Club
Philippines—Dr. V. N. Atienza, R. Basa, A. E. Coates, W. C. Ogle, L. S. Castro, D. A. Rosario.

Ireland—W. V. Field.
China—T. K. Lim, J. W. Lee, W. S. Chang, A. Y. Lee, C. F. Lee, H. Y. Hsu.

Kowloon Docks Club
Scotland—John McLellan, C. R. Logan, J. McKeown, A. Campbell, W. Gaffney, P. Kennedy, J. V. Ramsay, A. McInnes.

England—A. E. Elliott, W. R. Bailey, G. F. Martin and W. Marshallay.
Wales—J. Burbeck.

Prague, September 25.
Austria today defeated Czechoslovakia at soccer by 3-1 before 60,000 spectators in a match played at Vienna.

The half time score was 1-1 for Austria.

Austria also won the match between the two nations "B" teams, played at Bratislava, by two goals to one.—Associated Press.

"I have been highly impressed by the play of your Chinese footballers, and I am sure that when they meet my Swedish team we are going to see a very good match."

This view was expressed by Mr. Wolf Leyberg, representative of the Swedish Soccer Team now touring the Far East, at a Press conference yesterday.

Mr. Leyberg arrived here a few days ago to finalize arrangements for the visiting Swedish Team to play in the Colony. They expect to arrive here about November 24.

The technique and positioning of the Chinese players were good; they were very quick with their feet; and from what he had seen they played clean, said Mr. Leyberg.

The Swedish players were of bigger build and stronger physique, but they had a reputation for abstaining from all rough play, and Mr. Leyberg felt that they would not use their greater physical strength against their opponents.

The visiting Swedish Team has a world reputation behind it, having taken part in no less than nine international events, and at least two of their players, had played at the Olympics, one as goal keeper and the other as outside right. This season they had played against England, Ireland and Hungary.

Continental players had learned their defence tactics from the English and had improved upon them.

The strongest national team, in the opinion of Mr. Leyberg, was that of Spain. Playing at Dublin

His opinion of Portuguese players was not so good. He said they were weak in the defence. Their team lost all four games when they played in Sweden.

Asked if Sweden had the strongest team in Europe, Mr. Leyberg said he would not make such a sweeping claim, but Swedish players were certainly among the best in Europe.

The English wrestling team was beaten by a Danish national team by five matches out of eight here tonight. A crowd of 2,000 attended the contest which witnessed the Danes winning an unexpected victory over their English opponents who were believed to have much more experience in this field.

The best fight of the evening was between Lee Corisen, of Denmark, and Walter McQuify, of England.

The Englishman was already thrown on the mat after two and a half minutes after the Dane had applied a headlock.

Raymond Myland, of England, fought a fine lightweight match against Denmark's best wrestler, Abraham Kurland, who was several times about to be thrown onto the mat, but he was so exhausted that he had to be carried away after the fight.—Reuter.

No Professionals
There were no professionals in Sweden, said Mr. Leyberg, but

Eire's Win A Shock To English Selectors

London, September 25.

To say that the English football selectors were shocked at the defeat of England by Eire, the first foreign side to win on British soil, is an understatement.

The match was considered to be in the nature of a walk-over for the English team, full of seasoned players with international experience, in a trial for the World Cup games to come.

Even if the selectors had in mind the idea of trying out a few players outside right, Harris, centre forward, Pye, and, right back Mosley, were new caps, to see if they fitted in, they must have felt that they had, at least, enough old blood to see the side through to victory.

They now know otherwise, and it would need a crystal gazer to choose the side that the selectors will pick to meet Wales in Wales in the First World Cup match on October 15.

Williams might keep his place in goal; Aston might keep his at left back, but Mosley is likely to be left alone, but the attack might be entirely different.

Harris, Morris, Pye, Mannion and Finney might all disappear and be replaced by Matthews, Mortensen, Rowley (or Bentley), Shackleton and Mullen.

The half back line of Wright, Franklin and Dickinson may well be left alone, but the attack might be entirely different.

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Why England Lost
Why did England lose? That is the question foreigners will be asking. The answer is simple. The attack failed, a penalty was given away, and the Irishmen took the most of the chances that Dame Fortune gave them.

JOCKEY CLUB CLASSIFICATIONS

The Hong Kong Jockey Club

yesterday announced the following

alternatives to the Classification

List:

To Class 1A: Amarant; to Class

IB: High Speed; to Class 4:

Bravista, Sportsman;

to Class 5: Amigo, Colonial, Domino; to

Class 6: Aeroplane, Dine, How,

Gypie, Jetfire, Unicorn.

Swedish Soccer Representative



Mr. Wolf Leyberg, representing the Swedish soccer team which is to visit Hong Kong, snapped yesterday with Mr. Omar, Secretary of the Hong Kong Football Association. ("China Mail" photo).

Louise Suggs Wins U.S. Women's Golf Championship

Landover, Maryland, September 26.

Miss Louise Suggs won the United States women's open golf championship here with a 72 holes aggregate of 291. She finished 14 strokes ahead of her nearest rival, Mrs. Babe Didrikson Zaharias, the defending champion. Both are professionals.

Miss Carol Dringler was best among the amateurs, finishing third with 306.—Reuter.

Colony Open Golf Championship

The Open Amateur Golf Championship of the Colony will be held at Fanling on Saturday, October 8. Golfers are reminded that entries for the above close on Friday, September 30.

Thirty six holes Medal play under R. & A. Rules. Entry is open to amateur golfers with a handicap of 10 or less. Entries should be forwarded to the Secretary, Royal Hong Kong Golf Club, 233 Prince's Building, together with a certificate of handicap and entrance fee of \$15.00.

Victory Cup. Members are reminded that entries for this competition close on Monday, October 3. The draw will be published on October 4 and the first round to be played by October 23 and the succeeding rounds every fortnight thereafter.

A match is being arranged for Sunday, October 9 between members of the Club, who are ex-Shanghaileans and Hong Kong members of the Club. Please append names on the list at Fanling office accordingly, stating against whom you wish to play. This will be arranged as far as possible.

"Club v Services" match. The Club scored a somewhat comfortable victory in their first match against the Services but with a better knowledge of the course the Services will no doubt make it a much closer affair when the return match is played.

Meals. Hot Tiffins will be served as from next Sunday, October 2 and orders for same must be made in advance according to rule 35 (L.e. for Sunday tiffin orders must be made by Friday noon.)

Deep Water Bay. There will be a Pick-up Mixed Foursomes competition next Saturday, October 1. Entries close on Wednesday, September 28.

Badminton Association Meeting

The annual general meeting of the Hong Kong Badminton Association was held at the "South China Morning Post" Board Room yesterday and was presided over by Mr. S. A. Gray, President of the Association.

After the reading of minutes of last year's annual meeting by the Hon. Secretary, the election of officials followed.

Mr. Denis Hazel was elected President of the Association and Mr. F. H. Kwok as Vice-President, and the following were elected Honorary Vice-Presidents: Mr. A. M. Rodrigues, Messrs. E. Abraham, A. Hoe, M. Tait, S. A. Gray and Daniel Chen.

David Kwok was elected Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. A. Scores, Hon. League Secretary and Mr. Oliveriz, Hon. Treasurer.

Referees' Meeting

At the Hong Kong Football Referees' meeting held last night members of the Referees' Association decided to write to the Hong Kong Football Association

about dressing room accommodations for referees at all grounds.

The meeting which took place at the Prince's Building was conducted by Mr. A. E. P. Guest, chairman of the association.

Others say that this viewpoint is all right provided the selectors choose a team with an eye to the future and not a team of already experienced players who are as good as they are ever likely to be.

Then the opponents say that the money spent on touring should be used at home in building up a team capable of holding their own in international competition.

When this standard has been reached and the contestants can enter the battle with some prospect of success then, and not until then, should they go overseas.

Whichever way one looks at it there is no gainsaying that international sporting visits promote

international goodwill and that all those who have no hope of winning never competed there would be no international sport or very little of it.

Before the meeting adjourned the association decided that in the future "referees" meetings will be held on every last Tuesday of the month.

The next meeting will be held on October 25 at 8:30 p.m.

Prague, September 25.

Czechoslovakia's track-and-field team defeated Poland in Prague today by 102 points to 87.

Lieutenant Emil Zapotocky, Czechoslovakia's champion distance runner, won the 5,000 metres in 14 minutes, 49.8 seconds.

Associated Press.

Everyone has to learn and the international school is the accepted best.

As a sidelight on this question

the British Press is being criticised for not giving credit where credit is due for the efforts

British sportsmen make to defend their sporting prestige.

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This Rough Play Must Stop

(By RAYMOND GLENDENNING)

The soccer season is only a few weeks old, but already, in one of the most hectic-ever scrambles for points, there are signs of exceptionally rough play.

Let us have no more of it. Referees must act boldly and deal ruthlessly with football's roughnecks.

Fortunately they are few in number, but the effect of their ill-stop-him-somewhat tactics is most injurious.

Several star players have complained to me about the methods used by these tough boys.

"They just will not let you play good football," said one international player. "Their sole aim seems to be to stop you at any cost."

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